



Tragedy!

Inter-tribal Council Pulls Plug on Heber Pow Wow

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Every June for the past 16 years the pounding of Native American drums has reverberated across Heber Valley. Brilliantly clad dancers have swirled across green grass and against blue skies.

For this one weekend in June, the valley's Native American heritage is celebrated.

This year, however, the drums will be silent. There will be no colorfully costumed Native American dancers.

Trish Aperges, a member of the Inter-tribal Committee that organizes the annual Pow Wow said, "We are very disappointed. It was a very hard decision to make. Some of our members were crying. We put our heart and soul into the Pow Wow."

Aperges said the committee opted not

to stage the Pow Wow this year because Wasatch County officials told them they could no longer use South Field Park.

"They out-grew the park," said Tom Bonner, director of county Parks and Recreation. He said, according to the committee's numbers, more than 4000 people attended the Pow Wow per day. "That's a lot of people to put in that park." He said the Pow Wow used about 12 acres of the 32-acre park.

"Our feeling was, that for the size of the group they bring in, the best place for them to go was Soldier Hollow," Bonner said.

After the 2003 Pow Wow, Bonner said he told the Inter-tribal Committee they needed to relocate. He followed that up with a letter reinforcing the county's decision.

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Another Black Eye

The Issue:

SLC Media Protrays Heber Valley as bigots – again

We Suggest:

Get the story straight

We keep getting a black eye.

Over the past two weeks events have continued to unfold in the never ending saga of the perceived ethnic intolerance of this community.

Months ago we were held up to chastisement from the lower valley when Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids in our area brought cries of foul play from pro illegal immigration

gals. In fact, it was actually a procedural audit by the ICE and Bear Creek. Out of that audit, only seven Bear Creek employees had records discrepancies not 75. Five of these employees are now in the process of correcting the discrepancies so they may remain in this country and continue to work.

We were pleased to finally see the corrections in the Salt Lake newspapers. However, no such

